

PHILADELPHIA PROBABLY WILL LOSE CHANCE TO STAGE ARMY-NAVY GAME NEXT FALL

ARMY AND NAVY GAME MAY BE PLAYED IN NEW YORK; LACK OF STADIUM HERE IS CAUSE

Annapolis and West Point Authorities Consider Change Despite Agreement to Meet in Philadelphia on Alternate Years

THE absence of a stadium in this city which can seat 45,000 spectators or more in all probability will cause the officials at West Point and Annapolis to transfer the annual Army-Navy gridiron game to New York again next fall, despite the existing agreement which provides for the playing of the 1916 game in Philadelphia.

If Philadelphia had a stadium such as has been suggested, the Army and Navy probably would only be too glad to play all of their games in this city, but as it is out of the question to build such a structure before next fall, one of the greatest events of the year in the sporting world is likely to be lost.

Franklin Field can accommodate but 32,000 spectators, whereas the Polo Grounds in New York can seat between 42,000 and 45,000 persons. Last fall 42,000 attended the annual battle, despite the fact that miserable weather prevailed. The first disagreement between the University of Pennsylvania and the authorities at the two schools, which resulted in staging the game at Princeton for one year, was due primarily to the fact that both West Point and Annapolis insisted that their allotment of tickets was not satisfactory, each claiming that it could not possibly fulfill its requests from the block of 12,000 tickets allowed each.

The agreement between Penn and the Government schools calls for the two schools to divide three-quarters of the tickets, while the Red and Blue Athletic Association sells the remaining one-fourth, or 3000 seats, and then turns the money over to the Home for Widows and Orphans of Soldiers and Sailors. As this annual contest does not net any of the parties concerned, excepting the New York National League Club, any financial gain, the desire to stage the game in New York is due entirely to the absence of a stadium in Philadelphia.

Football Committee Plainly Shows Where It Places Blame

It looks very much as if the Football Committee and athletic authorities at Pennsylvania place the blame for the poor showing of the Red and Blue on the gridiron in recent years upon the shoulders of Dr. Carl Williams, long an idol at Penn and undoubtedly a wonderful coach under the old game. The fact that every man of the 1915 staff of coaches again has been selected to assist the head coach for the 1916 season leaves little room for doubting that this is the feeling of the committee.

Williams was not officially appointed head coach of the Red and Blue eleven last fall, but it is known that he was the real boss. What Williams said went, regardless of what the rest of the coaching staff thought. The fact that Folwell was perfectly satisfied, and suggested the appointment of the assistants who aided Williams and Brooke last year, also makes it apparent that Folwell is of the same opinion.

It is evident that the new coach is taking a great chance. He is signed to a one-year contract and must make good next fall. He is staking his reputation on the work of the team, and selected the men who were connected with a disastrous coaching regime. Those in close touch with affairs at Penn and the players who wore the Red and Blue last fall, are unanimous in the opinion that Folwell picked ideal assistants. The players supported Dickson and Wharton strongly last year, and did not hesitate to say that the blame for the poor showing of the team belonged elsewhere.

Williams Has Done Much for Pennsylvania

Folwell's selection of assistants was typical of the man. He has wonderful confidence in his own ability and is absolutely certain that he can prove to the football world that there was nothing wrong with the Penn system of play or the coaching assistants; but that the fault was with the coaching system and board of strategy. If Folwell fails, Williams will be vindicated, but it looks like a safe wager that "fighting Bob" will not fail. He has that wonderful spirit which will not admit defeat, and he always has been able to come back with a rush when it seemed certain that he would fall. The Penn players probably will get the same spirit and this alone will assure greater success than was obtained in recent years when confidence and respect for the head coach were missing.

In justice to Williams it is only fair to say that if he really was to blame for Penn's poor showing—and this is yet to be proved—the score is still far from even, as Pennsylvania will always be indebted to the former coach for what he has done for its football. Time and again Williams has neglected his medical practice to come to the aid of the Red and Blue when the team was slipping badly. Until recent years he always got results, and in his regime he always did what he thought was best for Pennsylvania. He simply drifted away from the situation, and as the new game developed and younger coaches discovered the possibilities of it, Williams failed to advance. He stuck to his old ideas, and results prove that they do not suit the new game.

Veteran From Coast Tells How Gedeon Got His Average

In discussing Joe Gedeon, the youngster for whom several major league clubs put in a claim, but whose sale to the Yanks was finally approved by the National Commission, a Pacific Coast League player agrees entirely with the opinion expressed in these columns a few days ago, relative to Gedeon's hitting ability. The player is a veteran who is known to be an excellent judge of ball players, having recommended many of the stars who came to the major leagues from the Pacific Coast League and made good. Therefore his opinion deserves consideration.

"Persons who are familiar with the conditions under which Gedeon played cannot understand why the Phillies, Washington and one or two other teams made such a fight for Gedeon," the veteran says. "That .317 batting average for an infielder is no doubt responsible for the fuss, but I'll tell you just how he got it. Glancing at his remarkable total of 67 doubles and 17 home runs, naturally you will be under the impression that Gedeon is a terrific slugger. He is a right fair hitter in that league, though he has a marked weakness for curve ball pitching if the twirler has anything on his hook, but one of the shortest fences in the country is right in Salt Lake City where Gedeon played. That was the secret of his success."

High Flies Were Good for Doubles

"High fly balls which would be easy ones on any major league field, despite the wall about the small Philly Park, hit the fence in Salt Lake and were always good for two bases, while he often lifted the ball over this wall for a home run. Most of the homers would likewise be easy ones on a larger field. The best proof in the world that Gedeon got a large percentage of his prestige through the short fence is proven by the record of two-base hits made by players of the Salt Lake team.

"Gedeon led the league with 67 doubles, while right behind him was Ryan, with 59; Shinn, with 52; Orr, with 48, and Zacher, with 45. All of these men played with Salt Lake. No team ever made more doubles than Salt Lake, as you can easily see by the figures that the short fence is responsible for it. Gedeon is a right fair ball player with a chance to hold a regular position, but that's the best you can give him—a chance. He is surely not worth the fight several clubs are making now the money paid for his release."

Florida probably will be the training ground for six major league teams again this season, as all club owners who sent their players to that State are very well satisfied with the results obtained. An odd feature of the training trips of the major league clubs to Florida is that all telegraph matter for newspapers went through Jacksonville, and the office of one of the companies in that city claims to have handled 1,500,000 words of baseball from the training camps last spring.

Larry Doyle recently picked the six pitchers hardest for him to hit, and the list included Leon Ames, Willie Doak and Harry Sallee, of the Cardinals; Rudolph and Tyler, of the Braves, and Rucker, of the Dodgers. Strangely enough Doyle did not mention George Chalmers or Alexander. If memory serves us right, Larry Doyle once made a hit off Chalmers, but that was long ago. Local fans can recall that Chalmers, even when troubled with a sore arm, used to pass a weak batter to get at Doyle, and invariably fanned the league's leading hitter. In seven games against Alexander last season Doyle made but four hits. His average against "his six hardest" must be a trifle less than nothing if they are tougher than Alexander and Chalmers.

KELLY—GETTING DOWN TO A BUSINESS BASIS



SIXTH STRAIGHT CAGE WIN FOR GEORGE SCHOOL

George School won its sixth straight basketball victory yesterday afternoon when the Swarthmore Preparatory School players were defeated by a score of 29 to 17 in a hotly contested game.

Hough and Steele Excel When Upstate Squad Beat Swarthmore Preps

The George School team was Hough, the forward, who made 8 points, Steele, his running mate, also played well. W. Farr and his brother, H. Carr, and Amelia, all worked well together.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Temple Preparatory School's basketball players are improving in every contest. The team which has been playing since the afternoon, the Temple athletes overhauling their first in an inter-school contest.

Upper Darby High School found that the Trades School had a strong reserve team as well as the regular varsity five. The Upper Darby High players tested defeat to the tune of 26 to 21 in the contest at Star Garden Recreation center yesterday.

Another instance of schools refusing to play a basketball game was noted in the contest between the Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Prep schools. The Philadelphia Prep school refused to play on the night of the Philadelphia Prep school.

Poor Chester High. What a terrific pounding this Delaware County High School league team received in the game with Media High yesterday. Perhaps it was not so much the move to substitute the second Chester team for the first in a few of the remaining games and see the result. At any rate, Jackson, Jackson and Larkin and Larkin were completely outclassed yesterday. Media won 25 to 7.

If any of the basketball fans paid admission to the game, they will find it a very interesting one. The game was played at the Philadelphia Prep school, and the Philadelphia Prep school was the victor.

There are only a few basketball games on the roster for today, but tomorrow, as usual, the scholastic case teams will be very busy. The Philadelphia Prep school is the season's leading team, and the Philadelphia Prep school is the season's leading team.

NEWS OF LOCAL BOWLING ALLEYS

An idea of what teams will represent this city at the National and Atlantic Coast bowling championships will be gained when members of the two local city associations meet.

Secretary George M. Moss, of the National Association, has sent out notices to the members of the National body calling for a meeting on Monday, February 14.

Manager George M. Moss, of the Keystone Bowling Alleys, has sent the required fee to Secretary Al Langtry, of the American Bowling Association, to get the recognition of that ruling body so that his scores rolled on these alleys will be recognized.

Hille Knox made his debut with the Motor team last night in the Philadelphia Electric League. He bowled a 220, and the Motor team like all others, was for him to smash the pins, as he got 212, 204 and 150.

Accounting gained first place in the Philadelphia Electric League, by defeating the Philadelphia Electric team, 220 and 213 for a grand total of 699.

Dick of Pennsylvania, concluded his night's work at the Philadelphia Electric League, by bowling a 220 and 213 for a grand total of 699.

Linney averaged a fraction over 208 pins in his three games with Adelphi in the Artisan League. His best effort was 223 in his third game.

Swisher was in old-time form with scores of 220, 210 and 210 in his three games with Adelphi in the Artisan League. His best effort was 223 in his third game.

KOHLEMAINEN SETS RECORDS AND LAYS BRICKS AS WELL

Finnish Runner, Olympia Star, Is Marvel of Athletic World in Distance Events

Laying bricks by day and setting up new track records at night and on holidays is the daily occupation of Hannes Kohlemainen, the great Finnish distance runner, now attached to the Irish-American Athletic Club, of New York.

"There is nothing like running up and down ladders and stairs carrying bricks to keep a man in good physical condition," said Kohlemainen when one of his friends came across him in New York the other day following the trade he learned that he was a boy in Ireland. "This outdoor work is what I like."

Kohlemainen continues to be the marvel of the athletic world as a distance runner, and he shows not the slightest sign of going back now that he has become acclimated. He can run any distance from two miles to the Marathon distance and at record-breaking speed.

The number of records he now holds is legion, but he intends to keep plugging away after new indoor and outdoor marks. What he would like best of all would be to break the American record of 3:17.45 for the two-mile run, now held by Ted Berna, the old Cornell distance star.

Kohlemainen and his trainer, Laxson Robertson, think this record is at the Finn's mercy whenever he goes after it properly.

It was not until the Olympic games of 1912 that Kohlemainen attracted attention on this side of the water. At the Stockholm games he performed the almost unprecedented feat of running eight distance races in less than two weeks without losing one. These included 5 miles in the 3000 meters, 5000 meters, team race and the cross country championship.

Kohlemainen proved himself not only a man of iron to even run so many races, but also the world's premier distance star by winning them all and beating in each the world's best.

Kohlemainen was an object of great interest to the Americans and the Little Finn was impressed so deeply with the splendidly trained Americans that he was not long in coming to this country. When he arrived he could speak hardly a word of English, but he has quickly mastered the American tongue and now he has decided to make this country his permanent home.



HANNES KOHLEMAINEN

SEATON-HENDRIX "MYSTERY" DUO ON JOE TINKER'S HANDS

Former Philly and Pirate Pitchers Would Strengthen Cubs If They Regain Form Before Their Jump to Feds

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Big League and the Bush. The Big League Cities make the game. The Bush Towns are a shame. The Big League is the only fish that hangs from the line. But T. Cobb is a ROYSTON BOY—a town you never knew. And MATHEWSON'S from FACTORYVILLE. And CRAWFORD from WAHOO.

The Big League Towns build up the sport; The Bush Towns hardly count; The Big Town is the only place where trouble records count; But HUBBARD CITY, Texas, looks ON SPEAKER as its boy; And COLLINS comes from MILLERTON, And EVERS lives at Troy.

It goes, of course, without debate The Big Town is the smoke; The Bush Town isn't worth a rap, Unless you like a joke; But MINER BROWN'S from NYESEN. Where tourists seldom go, And WALTER JOHNSON started out At WEISSER, Idaho.

I might keep on along this line Upon an endless path, Through Jackson, Alexander, Doyle Or Wagner and Cravath; And yet I think you make the dope With trickles from my pen. The Big League cities have the KALE—The Bush Towns have the MEN.

Two Feds. If Claude Hendrix and Tom Seaton pitch the same variety of ball for Joe Tinker they once pitched for Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, respectively, Joseph has two stars on hand.

The case of Seaton and Hendrix stands as one of the double mysteries of the game. As a rule most major league ball players who drifted to the Feds did better work in the new organization, where competition was not so keen as in the old.

Hendrix and Seaton reversed this condition. Seaton was on a par with Alexander while working for the Cubs. Hendrix, with Pittsburgh, was one of the stars of the league.

But last season, with the Chicago Feds, a flag winning organization, Hendrix was far down the list. He pitched 10 games, a defeat and a yield of earned runs above three to the game.

Seaton was even worse. With the Chicago Feds, he pitched 10 games, a defeat and a yield of earned runs above three to the game.

PEARSON BEATS HUTCHINSON AND RETAINS RACQUET TITLE

Stanley W. Pearson, of the Germantown Cricket Club, retained his title of Pennsylvania racquet champion by defeating D. L. Hutchinson, 3d, of the Racquet Club, at the Racquet Club yesterday by three games to two.

The match was a thriller from start to finish, but it must be said that Pearson displayed better generalship than Hutchinson. With the games two to none in his favor, Hutchinson, who had been decidedly against the champion, but after he had won the third game he changed his tactics, and remarkable success attended his efforts.

Hutchinson missed several easy shots, and instead of hitting the ball back hard from a soft return and trying to catch Pearson out, he merely returned the ball than not tried to place the ball just above the net-line, with disastrous results. That the better player won there can be no denying, and Pearson should have no trouble in retaining his title of national champion at Baltimore next week.

JONES UNANIMOUS CHOICE AS YALE FOOTBALL COACH

Signs as Head Gridiron Instructor for Three Years

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 3.—Official announcement has been made by a special committee of the Yale Athletic Association of the unanimous selection of T. A. Jones as head coach of the Yale football team for the next three years.

Jones, who was captain of the Yale football team in 1908, and who has been coaching the eleven of Phillips Exeter Academy, was named by the committee to have full charge of all football matters and to be responsible to the athletic association and the university authorities.

The club and their managers are as follows: Draxel Hill, W. H. Stetzer, manager; Union of Lansdowne, Jean Rhoads, manager; Glenoiden, Miller Platt, manager; Ridgefield, E. J. Strickland, manager; Highland Park, Edward Hartwell, manager.

These officers were elected. President, F. V. Newell; vice president, W. E. Willis; treasurer, W. F. Allen; secretary, H. W. Strickland.

Pittsfield Feb. 3.—Walter Dickson, a pitcher, and Michael Menaker, an outfielder, have been sold to the Minneapolis Club, of the American Association, by the owners of the Pittsburgh Pirates. The sale was announced that \$1500 was paid for each.

"Doc" White as Manager. PENYBROOK, Pa., Feb. 3.—C. J. Harris (Doc) White has been selected to manage the Eastern League club for 1916. It was announced here yesterday that White formerly was a member of the Chicago Americans.

Brooklyn-Newark combination he won it, lost it and allowed nearly four earned runs to the contest.

These two should have been the league's leading pitchers. They were not even among the first 25. Just what 1916 will develop remains for 1916 to show.

"Joe Jackson may be displaced in White Sox outfield," And Yale may name the Masked Marvel as head football coach.

To any big town devotee who thinks we are wrong, we'd like to have him pick a big town team to meet one like this, born and bred in America—less than 18,000; Catchers, Seabalk and Schang; pitchers, Johnson, Alexander, Shore, Infield, Dauber, Collins, Maranville, Baker, outfield, Cobb, Speaker, Jackson and Crawford. Shoot.

"Switch your dope," advises R. K. H., "about Gatch ever having been faster than Stecher. Stecher is faster than Gatch even though of being at his best." It is this difference of opinion which will build up that \$300,000 house when the two meet.

R. F. J.—All we can say definitely is that Yale's new football coach will be announced before the next Harvard-Yale, or possibly before the next Yale-Princeton game.

Davey Robertson, of the Giants, hasn't broken his neck yet, but he is still young. Give him a chance.

Haughton's Record. If Percy Haughton could maintain the same average with the Braves that he has made with Harvard he would soon dismantle the National League.

In the eight years that he has been president of the American League, Haughton has won 61 games and lost 4. His eight years' average is .941. Imagine a ball club traveling at that clip for eight campaigns.

Maxims of the 19th Hole. It is better to dwell with a bawling woman in a narrow hallway with a golfer who has just developed a slice. He that heeth his manish shot without cursing is either a jellyfish or a hero.

The Fan Chant. Come on, on now, rain, sleeth or drouth—This is the month the clubs start South.

"United States exports last month, \$50,000,000." Wonder if Willard would fight for that much change? or that little?

EDDIE PLANK WILL PLAY WITH ST. LOUIS BROWNS

Former Mack Star Denied Rights of Free Agent

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Md., Feb. 2.—A decision of the National Baseball Commission soon to be announced will be a shock to many a Federal League ball player who now believes himself to be a free agent, according to Ban Johnson, president of the American League. Johnson said yesterday:

"The decision is in the case of Eddie Plank, pitcher, who appealed to the commission to be made a free agent. Plank claims his contract with the St. Louis Browns had expired and that when he had signed that contract all the American League and National League clubs had waived on him."

All the clubs had not waived on Plank," said Mr. Johnson. "Boston and Cincinnati, in the National, both claimed him, but that does not affect the case. Organized baseball will recognize the reserve clause of the Federal League. All players whose contracts have expired are under reserve by their clubs, whether in the Federal League or not. Hence, Plank belongs to St. Louis."

Discussing the future of Federal League players, President Johnson said George Stovall and Hal Chase never could return to the American League.

"There's no blacklist," said he. "But Stovall and Chase are not the kind of men the American League wants."

Knowles and Sloan Tie

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